Abolition of the Archaeological Department.

53. *Mr. J. John Kattakayam (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the last Legislative Council has not passed a resolution to abolish the Archaeological Department;

(*b*) how long it is now since they promised to act up to the resolution; and

(*c*) whether the people's representatives in the present Legislature also did not urge for its abolition?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the reply to part (*a*), the question does not arise.

(*c*) No. Only one member of the present Legislature has raised the question.

(The answer was also given in Malayalam).

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: ഈ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറ് ആവശ്യമില്ലെന്നും നിർത്താമെന്നും അനേകം പ്രാവശ്യം ഗവണ്മെൻറ് പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടെന്ന് അറിയാമോ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: ഗവണ്മെൻറ് അനേകം പ്രാവശ്യം പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതായി അറിയാൻ പാടില്ല. ഫൻറ ഉ-ലെ നിയമസഭയിൽ ഇതിനെപ്പറ്റി വാദപ്രതിവാദം വന്നപ്പോൾ അന്നത്തെ ഫിഷ്യൽമെമ്പർ, ഫൻറ ഉ-നോട്ടുകൂടി അന്നിരുന്ന സുപ്രണ്ടിൻറ കാലാവധി തീരുന്നതാണെന്നും അതിനുശേഷം അതിലേക്ക് ആരെയും നിയമിക്കുന്നതല്ലെന്നും പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. അതു സംഗതിയുടെ വാസ്തവം അറിയാതെ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: ഈ സംഗതി ലോവർ ഹൗസിനെ എഴുതികൊണ്ടാണ് അറിയിക്കാതിരുന്നിട്ടുള്ളത്?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: അതിൻറ ആവശ്യമുണ്ടെന്ന് അപ്പോൾ തോന്നിയില്ല.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: ഈ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറ് അനാവശ്യമാണെന്ന് ഇപ്പോഴെങ്കിലും വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib Dr N. Kunjan Pillai: ഇല്ല.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know whether any necessity has been made out for a separate officer for the Archaeological Department?

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Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : Government consider that there is necessity for a Superintendent of Archaeology.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai ; What are the additional functions recently given to the Superintendent of Archaeology besides the work of his own department ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : For a short period he was put in charge of the duties of the Protector of the Depressed Classes. Now he is also in charge of the Photographic Department.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : May I know whether he was also for some time put in charge of the Museum and Public Gardens ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : No.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : May I know whether his services are engaged for taking visitors who come from outside Travancore.

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : He has occasionally to accompany visitors to show them places of historic importance.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : From these answers is it not evident that a full-time officer for this department is unnecessary ?

President : That is a matter of opinion.

Application of the Pioneer Motor Company re Putharikandam.

54. ***Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Pioneer Motor Company have applied for permission for using any portion of the Putharikandam in front of the East Fort Gate, Trivandrum ;

(*b*) if so, for what purpose they have applied ; and

(*c*) how has that application been disposed of ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildngs and Irrigation*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) For erecting a permanent cinematograph theatre.

(*c*) The application was rejected.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether there was any application from the Trivandrum Municipality for using Putharikandam ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : I do not think so. But that portion of the town is being considered under the town planning scheme.

Malaria in Todupuzha Taluk.

55. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state the number of persons in Todupuzha taluk affected by malaria, the number out of them that died, the number still suffering from it and the relief rendered by Government for it ?

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